



GLADSTONE PARK NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2 WEEK 4

Dear families,

Welcome to our final newsletter of spring! It's been a short, but jam-packed two weeks.

Last week saw our spring assessment week take place where we reviewed how much progress our children have made so far this year. From phonics, to maths, to reading and times tables, we've been reviewing what our children know, and what we need to teach more of to ensure they're ready for their next year group. This week, we've been working hard to review the data and adapt our planning for spring so that we can continue to teach your children the transformational education that they deserve. You'll receive your child's spring term report next week on MCAS so please look out for it.

We've also extended our club offer so that our clubs run for every week of the term to support our families with childcare. We're offering some new clubs in summer too, so please check out the options on MCAS and sign up now as places are limited.

We know that we can only provide your child with an exceptional education if they're here with us, and so we continue to focus on our attendance. From meeting with families, to celebrating in assemblies, there's lots going on. Don't forget - the class with the highest attendance this term will have a non-uniform day on Friday 27th March so keep your eyes peeled to find out who that is!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We've loved hosting you for our reading workshops this term, and we have many more planned for summer. Don't forget to come along to our coffee morning next Wednesday too!

Eid Mubarak to our families who are celebrating.

Have a lovely weekend!

Warm wishes,
Ms Green



Don't forget to check out our tuition club, key dates and lots more here!

instagram:
[gladstoneparkprimary](#) - here's where you'll find snippets of school life & information you need!



YEAR UPDATES

NURSERY

It's been a wonderful week of learning and celebration! The children have shown great focus in their literacy work, successfully finishing their story maps for How to Catch a Star and building the confidence to retell the story beautifully. They have also been busy learning to name simple shapes. The highlight of the week, however, was our special Mother's Day event; it was a joy to see the children so engaged and happy as they shared activities and made memories with their mummies in the classroom.



YEAR 1

We have had such a great Spring term and are loving seeing some signs of sunshine lately. In Year 1, this past week the children explored how to build stable structures by creating a basketball-shaped model using straws and masking tape. We tested how important weight and balance are by placing small pieces of playdough on different parts of our structures. This helped us see how weight can make a structure stronger or cause it to fall, and we learned how careful placement can help keep structures stable. Take a look at some of our creations!



RECEPTION

We have had a wonderfully busy and exciting two weeks in Reception!

The children thoroughly enjoyed hosting a special tea party for their mums. We prepared beautiful flowers, made delicious fruit skewers, and had lots of fun playing together with the parachute.

We were also lucky to welcome the Mini Picasso Company, who led a fantastic art project inspired by our focus artist, Giuseppe Arcimboldo. The children explored creativity in unique and imaginative ways, producing some amazing work. Many of our families have been celebrating Eid, and the children took great care in creating lovely Eid cards to share with their loved ones.



YEAR 2

What a wonderful term it has been in Year 2! Over the past fortnight, the children have been working really hard on their Spring 2 assessments. 2A and 2M went on an exciting trip to the Camden Arts Centre, where the students produced some absolutely stunning artworks! The children used their skills of printmaking learned during the previous Camden Arts incursion to create a multi-media collage of our community, Brent. We are really looking forward to the upcoming Summer term, with more exciting trips, workshops and more learning!



YEAR UPDATES

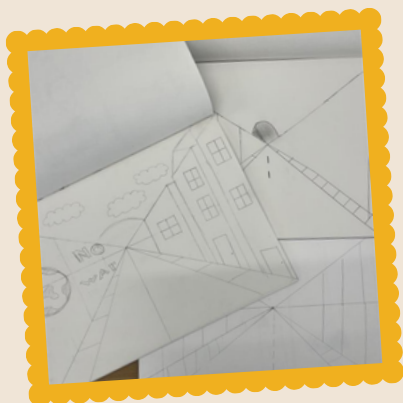
YEAR 4

Year 4 have once again been out and about on an external visit! As a school, we are so proud to offer such an enriching curriculum alongside exciting trips. Year 4A visited Pizza Express last week and they learnt how to make real restaurant-quality style pizzas! The children have had such a wealth of experiences travelling on the tube this year which is building their independence! Have a look at some of the pictures from our little chefs!



YEAR 6

Year 6 really got stuck in and worked hard on their SATs! We saw growth from all classes and hope to continue building on this progress come May. In the afternoons, we are creating murals and street art after exploring one-point perspective in our lessons. We can't believe how fast this term is flying by—keep up the hard work and keep coming to school! 6S and 6E, let's keep up as 6L is leading the attendance charts!



YEAR 3

Children in Year 3 have been taking part in a wonderful drama workshop called The Bounce Project. In this workshop, children are given scenarios to act out, encouraging them to use their speaking and listening skills along the way. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it and it has been great to see so many of them come out of their shells in the process! Have a look at some of the children in action!



YEAR 5

In Year 5 we have been delving in to our Reading book *When the Stars Come Out!* We collected facts and created informative posters which we then used to present to the class. Our aim was not only to teach our audience new things about the night sky, but also practice our speaking and listening skills (oracy).

As part of our Pledge Commitments for this term, 5C took a trip to Willesden Library where they had a story read to them and they got to pick three books to borrow! 5T are going on Thursday 19th of March and 5B will be going on Thursday 26th March.





ATTENDANCE

A big thank you to those who have ensured their children are in school every day and have taken part in all the exciting things going on this week—we really appreciate your continued support. We've noticed a slight dip in attendance in Year 4 recently, and we'd really value your help in turning this around over the coming days. We know that mornings can be busy, but every school day really does make a difference to children's learning, confidence and friendships. Our aim is for each year group to reach 97% attendance or above.

It's been fantastic to see Years 5 and 6 leading the way at the moment—well done to all of those pupils for their brilliant commitment!

There is now just one week left to find out which class will win our attendance reward this term. The class with the highest attendance will earn an own clothes day, so everything is still to play for. Let's make this final week count!

Reception

94%

Year 1

96%

Year 2

95%

Year 3

96%

Year 4

93%

Year 5

97%

Year 6

97%



SPORTS UPDATE

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Gladstone Park Primary School's Year 4 football team, led by Coach Dee. The team were crowned champions of the London Schools Invitational Football Tournament after an exceptional run, going the entire competition undefeated and conceding just one goal. Their performances showcased a perfect balance of defensive strength and attacking flair, as they confidently brushed past every opponent they faced. This remarkable accomplishment is a testament to their teamwork, discipline, and dedication, well done to all involved!!



Our Year 5 & 6 football team, also led by Coach Dee have given us even more to cheer about with their fantastic progress in the Brent Schools Cup. In a thrilling quarter final match, the team demonstrated incredible determination which is one of our core school values, by coming from behind after trailing 1-0 to secure a 2-1 victory in extra time. Their resilience, teamwork, and never-give-up attitude made us all extremely proud. We wish them the very best of luck as they head into the semi finals, go GPPS!



NOTICES



Follow us on Instagram:
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Parents' Survey

Please scan the QR code to give us your feedback on how we're doing as a school, and what we can improve to make our experience for you and our students even better!



Tutoring Club!

We're working with First Class Learning Tuition to host a maths tutoring club at Gladstone Park for just £50 a month. If you'd be interested in signing your children up, please click on link below

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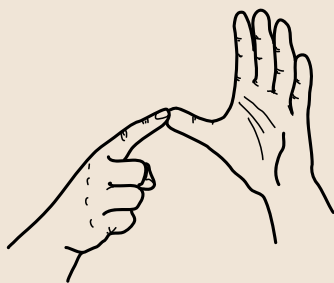


Rock Steady Music School

We only have a small number of places left for students in Years 1-3 to sign up for RockSteady! Please see the letter sent out via MCAS to sign up.



MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK



We have been learning the Makaton Signs of the Week as part of our commitment to supporting every child's communication. Each week, we introduce a new sign and model this to our students. This has been particularly helpful for our children with speech, language and communication needs to understand key vocabulary and express themselves.

The sign of the week this week is book.

See the Makaton video using the link here:

https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_Cold.aspx

CLUBS UPDATE



After school Clubs are now live on MCAS

We still have spaces in the following clubs

- Sewing (y3-6)
- KS1/KS2 Football
- KS2 Basketball
- KS2 Tennis
- KS1 Multi-sports
- KS2 Dodgeball
- KS1/KS2 Olympic Games





SPRING 2 PARENT EVENTS

Friday 6th
March

Please see some of our key dates for the term ahead!

Monday 23rd
March

RSHE Workshop @ 8:45am

Monday 23rd
March

Year 6 SATs Workshop @ 3.20pm

Tuesday 24th
March

Learn Calculation Strategy Workshop @ 8:45am

Wednesday 25th
March

Meet the Head Coffee Morning @ 8:45am

Thursday 26th
March

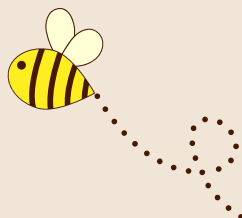
Open Day Tours - come for a walk around! 8:45

Thursday 26th
March

Rocksteady Concert 13:15 – 14:15

First day of Spring 2: Monday 23rd February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 27th March



SPRING 2

KEY DATES



Please see some of our key dates for the term ahead!

**Wednesday 25th
February**

Young Voices Concert for the School Choir

**Thursday 5th
March**

World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite book character!

**Tuesday 17th
March**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration - wear something green

**Friday 20th
March**

Red Nose Day - wear something red

**Monday 13th
April**

INSET Day - No school for the children

First day of Spring 2: Monday 23rd February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 27th March



SUMMER 1

KEY DATES



Please see some of our key dates for the term ahead!



**Monday 13th
April**

INSET Day - No school for the children

**Monday 4th
May**

Bank holiday May Day - No School for children

**Thursday 7th
May**

Polling Day - No school for children

**W/C Monday
11th May**

Year 6 SATs Week

**Thursday 21st
May**

Class Photo Day - Children wear full uniform

First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 14th April

Last day of Summer: Friday 24th May



SUMMER 1 PARENT EVENTS



Please see some of our key dates for the term ahead!

**Tuesday 14th
April**

Watch Year 5 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am
Watch Year 2 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am

**Thursday 16th
April**

Open Day Tour @ 8:45am

**Friday 17th
April**

Learn Writing with us Workshop @ 8:45am

**Tuesday
21st April**

Watch Year 2 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am

**Monday 27th
April**

Thrive Parent Workshop - Supporting
Behaviour @ 8:45am

**Tuesday 28th
April**

Watch Year 1 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am

**Thursday 30th
April**

Open Day Tour @ 8:45am

**Friday 1st
May**

Learn writing with us Session 2 @ 8:45am

**Tuesday 5th
May**

Watch Year 4 Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am
Watch Reception Live Writing Lesson @ 8:45am



First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 14th April Last day of Summer: Friday 24th May





OPEN DAY TOURS

Come and join us for Open Day Tours
For current and prospective parents



Thursday 26th March
Thursday 16th April
Thursday 30th April

The tours will start from 8.45am.

Intrigued to know how we inspire the next generation?

This is an opportunity for you to come and have a look around our Early Years and whole school provision, meet some of our friendly staff and experience what our school has to offer.

We offer 15 hour and 30 hour* Nursery places.

We have a breakfast club between 8.00am and 8.30am, various after school clubs and external provider for wraparound care.

Please sign up for the tour via the school website by completing Open Day Tours 2026 Form or by scanning the QR code.

*Eligible parents only



For more info
0208 452 1350



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<https://www.gladpark.anthemtrust.uk>



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INTRODUCING YOUR NEW MENU!

We are delighted to share that after the Easter break we will be launching our new primary school menu. This refreshed menu has been designed around three key priorities: **safety, nutrition and enjoyment**. We want every child to have access to meals that are delicious, balanced and inclusive, while also preparing our offer for future school food standards.

KEEPING PUPILS SAFE: Safety remains our top priority. Working with the Natasha Allergy Research Foundation, we have reviewed our core menu to reduce allergens where possible and support more children to enjoy the same mealtime experience together. Our **Allergy Aware** menu helps every pupil enjoy a healthy, balanced meal with confidence.



SUPPORTING HEALTHIER CHOICES: We have also made a number of positive menu updates, including a greater focus on pulses and legumes, more balanced choices, and a fruit dessert with no added sugar. You will see ingredients such as lentils and chickpeas referenced more clearly in familiar favourites like **beef and lentil bolognese** and **chicken and chickpea creamy coconut curry**. This helps children become more familiar with a wider range of nutritious foods. A **chilled watermelon wedge** will also feature as a lighter dessert option for the warmer months.



NUTRITIONIST'S CHOICE:

UP 20%

We are proud to continue expanding our **Nutritionist's Choice** range, which focuses on reducing ultra-processed ingredients and increasing the fruit and vegetables within our dishes. Since our last menu, the number of **Nutritionist's Choice** dishes has increased by 20%!

A few new dishes to look out for:

- Pea Powered Vegetable Stir Fry
- Tomato, Spinach & Salmon Pasta
- Carrot Cake with Orange Glaze

We have also improved our everyday staples, with all rice now served as a 50/50 blend of wholegrain and white varieties.

As always, we continue to listen to pupil feedback and shape a menu children enjoy every day. We are excited for everyone to try the new menu and hope it becomes a highlight of the school day. Thank you for your continued support.

Alex Hall

Food Director
Impact Food Group



WELCOME to your new menu!

Crafted by expert chefs and nutritionists, this menu is designed to provide children with tasty, appealing and nutritious lunches that support a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Each school day features a variety of hot and cold meal options, with menus rotating on a three-week cycle to keep things fresh and exciting. Curious about what's on the plate? Keep reading to explore the delicious details!

Innovate IFG

Smart Standards, Tasty Plates



We follow a supercharged set of food standards that turn every school meal into a powerhouse of nutrition and deliciousness. Here's the scoop:

FRUIT & VEG every day?

Absolutely! We pile on the colour and crunch to make sure every plate has the goodness kids need. And we make sure every child is able to help themselves to our fresh salad bar for those extra vitamins and minerals.



WHOLEWHEAT - the slow-release superheroes that keep energy levels steady and minds focused. Look out for the wholewheat icon across our menus!

PROTEIN power? Naturally.

We serve up high-quality sources with every meal to help those growing bodies thrive.

And the not-so-fun stuff? Foods loaded with salt, fat, and sugar don't make it onto these plates - so the spotlight stays on goodness. It's all about creating menus that support learning, development, and a lifelong love of balanced eating.

These standards aren't just rules - they're the perfect recipe for healthy, happy learners.



NEW!



Nutritionist's Choice

Nutritious, delicious, and bursting with bonus goodness! Introducing our Nutritionist's Choice meals - the superstar picks from our expert team that go above and beyond! These dishes aren't just healthy... they're next-level nourishing. Packed with plants: colourful veggies, hearty beans, and wholesome wholegrains. Crafted to support gut health, sharpen focus, and supercharge development. Perfect for fueling brilliant minds and bouncy energy from playground to classroom!

DID YOU
KNOW?

OUR SAUCES HAVE A
SECRET! TO INCREASE
NUTRITIONAL CONTENT...

WE'VE ADDED EXTRA
VEGGIES



And we didn't stop there - they're also hiding in our desserts!



MEET OUR Allergen Buddies



Keeping your children safe by giving them a friendly face who will ensure that they get served the right meal every time.

DOWN WITH
SUGAR!

We've increased fibre and reduced sugar across all our menus by swapping sugar for naturally sweet fruit and veggies!

ALLERGEN
AWARE MENU

We believe every child deserves access to healthy, delicious meals - no matter their dietary needs. That's why we've created the Allergen Aware Menu, designed for children with allergies to gluten, milk and soya.

ALLERGEN AWARE MENU

Menu Week 1	Menu Week 2	Menu Week 3	Menu Week 4
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Available Every Day - Check our website for more info

WHERE DOES
SOME OF OUR

FOOD COME FROM?

WE WORK HARD TO TRACE
OUR MAIN FOOD CATEGORIES.
HERE ARE JUST SOME EXAMPLES
WE CAN SHARE.

RED
POTATOES

Scotland



OATS

Scotland



BEEF

Scotland



CARROTS

Nottinghamshire and
Yorkshire



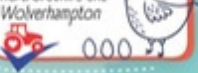
JACKET
POTATOES

Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire
and Norfolk



CHICKEN

Hertfordshire and
Wolverhampton



MILK

Lancashire



FLOUR

Northamptonshire



HERBS

Worcestershire



BANANAS

Latin America



TUNA

Indian Ocean



COCOA
POWDER IN
BAKERY MIX

Africa



*PRODUCE AVAILABILITY CAN BE AFFECTED BY THE SEASONS, SO SUPPLIERS CAN CHANGE.

Catering Survey

We're inviting parents to share their feedback on the school food offer by completing a short survey. Your views will help shape future improvements and ensure the offer continues to meet the needs of our school community.

As a thank you for taking part, all responses will be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win a **£100 Amazon voucher**, and a further £100 Amazon voucher for the school.

The survey is open until the Easter break. Survey:

<https://285qfq1abg1.typeform.com/ParentSurvey>

PRIMARY CATERING SURVEY!

**WIN A £100 AMAZON VOUCHER
FOR YOU & A £100 VOUCHER FOR
YOUR SCHOOL!**

Simply complete a 5 minute survey and share your thoughts about your school food to enter the prize draw for a chance to win.

Please Note: The survey will remain open until the Easter break.



After school sport clubs

Great news! Based on your feedback, we will be offering after school clubs every week of the summer term from 14th April 2026 at a cost of only **£3.50** per session and **£1.75** per session for the children eligible to **Pupil Premium**. There will be no session on the last day of the summer term. Please sign up via MCAS from Friday 13th March at 3.30pm and the deadline is Sunday 12th April at 9.00am.

Please see club list and availability below:

Weekday	Club	Number of Places Available
Monday	Multi-Sports (Key Stage 1)	30
	Basketball (Key Stage 2)	30
Tuesday	Olympic & Paralympic Games (Key Stage 1)	30
	Olympic & Paralympic Games (Key Stage 2)	30
Wednesday	Tennis (Key Stage 2)	20
	Dodgeball (Key Stage 2)	30
Thursday	Football Club (Key Stage 1)	30
	Football Club (Key Stage 2)	30
Friday	Gymnastics (Key Stage 2)	30



Come along to

Year 6 SATs Workshop

Please join us to find out about what SATs are, what you can expect during SATs week and how to help your child at school. Please note all Y6 students will be taken to the PA Hall and will need to be collected from there - no home alones on this day if possible.

MONDAY
23RD MARCH
@3:20PM



RSHE Parent Workshop



 Monday 23rd March
 8:45am - 9:30am
 School PA Hall

This workshop is an opportunity for parents and carers to see the content that will be taught across the school, so you have a clear understanding of what RSHE entails and how it supports children's personal development.

During the session, we will:

- **Provide an overview of the statutory RSHE curriculum**
- **Explain what is taught at different stages across the school**
- **Share examples of teaching resources and materials**
- **Clarify how lessons are delivered in an age-appropriate and sensitive way**
- **Answer any questions you may have**

We believe that strong communication between school and home is essential, and we hope this session will provide reassurance and clarity around the curriculum.

We hope to see you there.



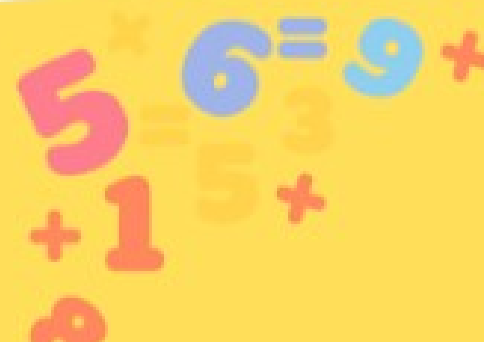


TEACHING TUESDAY

LEARN CALCULATION
STRATEGIES TO HELP
YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME!

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH
@8:45AM
IN THE PA HALL

• WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE
CALCULATION STRATEGIES WE USE ACROSS
THE SCHOOL SO YOU CAN FURTHER SUPPORT
YOUR CHILD? COME ALONG AND GET STUCK IN
WITH US!



MEET THE HEAD TEACHER



MS GREEN

ABOUT ME

POP IN FOR A COFFEE AND A CHAT WITH MS GREEN TO SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK, HEAR OUR REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR SO FAR AND OUR OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM.

DATE & TIME

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH
AT 8:45AM
IN PA HALL
ENTRANCE THROUGH
SCHOOL OFFICE





Junior
Adventures
Group

HOLIDAY



HQ

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



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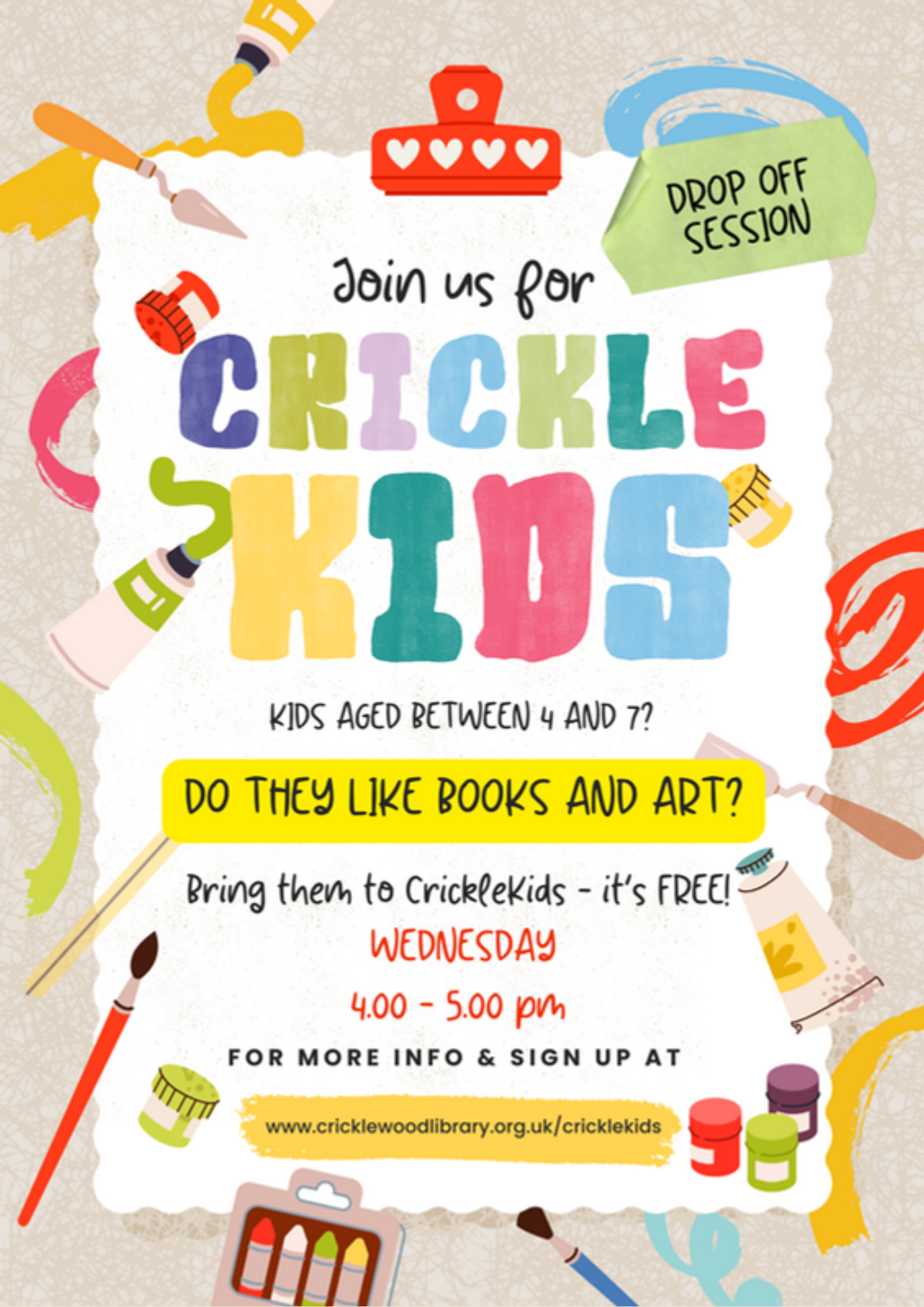
WOODLAND
CRAFTS

MULTISPORTS



**FREE EASTER HOLIDAY
HAF SPACES**

SCAN TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT



DROP OFF
SESSION

Join us for

CRICKLE KIDS

KIDS AGED BETWEEN 4 AND 7?

DO THEY LIKE BOOKS AND ART?

Bring them to CrickleKids - it's FREE!

WEDNESDAY

4.00 - 5.00 pm

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THE HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES &
FOOD
PROGRAMME

CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMME

EASTER (WEEK 2)

VENUE: THE CREST ACADEMY
CREST ROAD
NEASDEN
NW2 7SN

TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2026: 10am-3pm
WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 2026: 10am-3pm
THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2026: 10am-3pm
FRIDAY 10th APRIL 2026: 10am-3pm



PLATFORM
CRICKET

Developing London's children
in and through cricket

IS THIS COACHING PROGRAMME FOR YOU?

This course is appropriate for any child in school years 3 to 6.

Children will experience cricket in a fun, safe and progressive environment, building on their development at an appropriate rate.

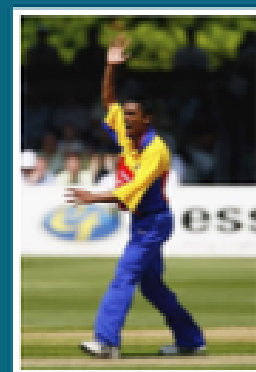
Both beginners and children who have experienced cricket before are welcome.

DETAILS

- **COST:** These courses are Free of Charge
- **PLACES:** Allocated to the first 30 respondents on a first come-first serve basis
- **AGES:** 7-11 Years Old
- **LUNCHES & REFRESHMENT:** Parents of children entitled to a Free School Meal will be provided with a hot lunch (Please highlight any dietary requirements when signing-up)
- **CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:** Regular sports kit & trainers (non-marking soles); Personal protective equipment preferred, although we can supply if a child does not have their own

THE COACHES

LEAD: JAHID AHMED



Jahid Ahmed is a former Essex seam bowler who has worked extensively in youth cricket.

He is one of an exclusive group of Level 3 coaches, he has led the development of junior cricket in East London and he is a fast bowling and high performance coach with Kent CCC.

OTHER COACHES INCLUDE:

Matt Golding (Minor County Cricketer; Level 2 Coach), Arafat Bhuiyan (Former professional player & Level 2 Coach), Jonathan Rodda (County Pathway & Level 2 Coach), Matthew Luddington (Club Lead & Level 2 Coach), Ben Ralph (Club Lead & Level 2 Coach).



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE COURSE PLEASE CONTACT:

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